



City of Rockville **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war, and represented the hope that none had died in vain; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of four wars, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered; and

WHEREAS, since it began in 1921, Poppy Day has become a familiar tradition in almost every American community, with the distribution of the bright red memorial flower to the public being one of the oldest and most widely-recognized programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim May 25, 2009, Memorial Day, as ROCKVILLE POPPY DAY and urge participation in this commemoration by all citizens who, by such action, will demonstrate their faith in those men and women who died in the cause of liberty and justice throughout the years.

Susan R. Hoffmann, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

Piotr Gajewski, Councilmember

Phyllis Marquaccio, Councilmember

Anne M. Robbins, Councilmember

May 4, 2009